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"(*d*) As indicated in the answers to Clauses (*a*) and (*b*), the Nutrition Research Laboratories are not under the control of this Government. They are under the control of Indian Council of Medical Research. The action taken by this Government is confined to persuasion and this Government have no means of compelling the Indian Council of Medical Research to retain the laboratories in Madras State."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"Is any Nutrition Officer paid by this State Government working under the Director of Public Health?" 4-20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Yes, Sir. There is the Central Nutrition Bureau and there are two Regional Nutrition Sections working under him."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"May I know, Sir, whether in the interests of the health of the citizens, the Government will carry out the suggestions mentioned in the question?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Yes, Sir; as I said, there is a proposal to reorganize the Nutrition Bureau and there will be expansion of the activities of the Nutrition sections of the Health Department."

Rural Water-supply Scheme.

*41 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells taken up under Rural Water-supply Scheme during each of the last three years;

(*b*) the number of well works out of the above abandoned for failure to tap water after reasonable excavation, and the expenditure incurred on such items;

(*c*) the authorities who inspect the well-sites under the Rural Water-supply Scheme; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to appoint a State Water Diviner for the above purpose?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) The well works undertaken are as follows:—

Year. (1)	Number of works. (2)
1949–50	5,421
1950–51	6,661
1951–52	7,636 (excluding Kurnool in respect of which district figures have not been received yet).

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" (b) The number of works abandoned and the expenditure incurred on them are as follows:—

Year	Number of works abandoned.	Amount of expenditure written off.
(1)	(2)	(3)
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1949–50 ..	46	13,737
1950–51 ..	50	40,793
1951–52 ..	34 (excluding figures relating to Kurnool which have not been received yet).	21,958

" (c) The well-sites under the Rural Water-supply Scheme are inspected by the Tahsildars, Revenue Divisional Officers and Collectors and the technical staff like the Minor Irrigation Overseers and Supervisors. Sites are selected in the first instance after a joint inspection by the Minor Irrigation Overseer and Health Inspector.

" (d) The answer is in the negative."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—" May I know if the district boards have offered to take over the investigation and execution of rural water-supply schemes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" I am not aware of it."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—" Sir, in view of the fact that, in spite of all these efforts, no water is found in the wells, I should like to know from the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether an examination has been made by the Government to ascertain whether the quantity of the water found in the wells is commensurate with the expenditure incurred on them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Yes, Sir, I have given information about the number of wells which were a failure and which have been abandoned and I have mentioned the number of the other wells which yield water and have been successful."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR:—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the transfer of the execution of these works to the District Boards? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" If the hon. Member makes out a case, we shall consider it, Sir."

Schemes undertaken for relieving water scarcity in the City of Madras.

* 42 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) what schemes have been put into execution to meet the water scarcity in Madras City;